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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

TAKASHIMA ET AL.

Examiner

Brian P. Mruk

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 June 2006.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed June 7, 2006. Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, and 7. Claim 21 remains withdrawn from consideration. Currently, claims 1-21 remain pending in the application.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35 U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office action, Paper No. 20060201.

Election/Restrictions

3. This application contains claim 21 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in Paper No. 20060201. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

4. The rejection of claims 7-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendments and remarks.

5. The rejection of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Morinaga et al, US 2003/0144163, is maintained for the reasons of record.

6. The rejection of claims 1-17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Takashima, US 2004/0142835, is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendments and remarks.

7. The provisional rejection of claims 1-17 and 20 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of copending Application No. 10/702,621 is withdrawn in view of applicant's abandonment of copending Application No. 10/702,621.

NEW GROUNDS OF REJECTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

9. Claims 2, 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

10. Instant claims 2, 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for containing the limitation "wherein I is 8-11". This limitation renders the claims vague and indefinite, since independent claims 1, 4 and 7, from which claims 2, 5 and 8

depend from, have been amended to require that "I is from 9-11". Appropriate correction and/or clarification is required.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments filed June 7, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the oleophilic group portion disclosed in Morinaga et al, US 2003/0144163, can be a secondary alcohol, whereas the instant claims are directed toward a primary alcohol. However, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Specifically, Morinaga et al does not disclose that their oleophilic group portion is a secondary alcohol, as argued by applicant. Furthermore, the examiner asserts that polyoxyethylene alkyl ethers disclosed in Tables 1-9 are primary alcohols, as required in the newly amended claims.

Applicant further argues that the carbon numbers of the oleophilic group portion disclosed in Morinaga et al vary widely, whereas the instant claims require that the number of carbon atoms of the oleophilic group is 10-12. However, the examiner asserts that Morinaga et al clearly teach an alkyl length of 12. Specifically, Tables 1-9 of Morinaga et al exemplify polyoxyethylene alkyl ethers that contain 12 carbon atoms in the oleophilic group.

Conclusion

12. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian P. Mruk whose telephone number is (571) 272-1321. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs (7:00AM-5:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on (571) 272-1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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